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CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

Direction of Verdict.

In relation to the practice in Virginia as to directing verdicts, discussed in the February and March numbers of the "Register," the following communication, commenting on the refusal of a writ of error in the case of Chapman's Administratrix *v.* N. & W. Ry. Co., may be of interest to the profession:

Theodore W. Reath, Esq., General Solicitor N. & W. Ry. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Reath:—The refusal of the Court of Appeals to grant a writ of error in the above case is an unqualified approval of peremptory instructions in proper cases. The trial court, as you know, refused all of plaintiff's instructions in this case and gave in lieu thereof, at our request, an instruction directing the jury to find for the defendant; and the jury endorsed the verdict written by counsel without retiring from the bar.

Yours very truly,

CLARENCE C. BURUS.

Lebanon, Va.

News of the Profession.

Mr. Ashby Williams, a member of the Roanoke Bar, and a B. L. of the Class of 1906 of the University, will shortly bring out a compilation of the Virginia corporation laws, annotated and indexed, together with a full collection of forms.

The book will be a little over two hundred pages, and will be similar in form to Corbin's New Jersey Laws, Annotated, and Chilton's West Virginia Laws, Annotated. It will be a handy compilation of the many corporation laws of Virginia, which has been long needed by the profession, and its appearance in the near future will be welcomed.

MISCELLANY.

The Lawyer and the Client.

BY C. H. PATTESON.

"Good morning. Is this Mr. Quickwit?" asked the stranger as he entered my office.

"Yes, sir; have a seat," I replied.

Seating himself, he leaned slightly forward, one hand on each knee.

Appearances indicated that something of great importance was on his mind. The happy thought struck me that a valuable piece of legal